

# Region 8 Environmental Scan

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The following assets represent the existing organizations, initiatives, and investments that are fueling workforce and educational development in Region 8 within the Pre-K to Career continuum. Assessing all of the current educational and employment assets within Region 8 is the first step towards effectively leveraging resources in order to cultivate a stronger regional workforce.

## Pre-K – 12 Assets

School Districts/Corporations ▫ Career & Technical Education ▫ Jobs for America’s Graduates ▫ Head Start ▫ School Age Program

A student’s career trajectory begins long before searching for their first job. Pre-K through high school education lays the foundation for success, both through in-school programming like Career and Technical Education, and various extracurricular activities. Each plays an important role in a student’s educational and personal development.

School Districts	
Barr-Reeve Community Schools Inc.	North Lawrence Community Schools
Bloomfield School District	Orleans Community Schools
Brown County School Corporation	Paoli Community School Corporation
Eastern Greene Schools	Richland-Bean Blossom C S C
Linton-Stockton School Corporation	Shoals Community School Corporation
Loogootee Community School Corporation	Spencer-Owen Community Schools
M S D Shakamak Schools	Springs Valley Community School Corporation
Mitchell Community Schools	Washington Community Schools
Monroe County Community School Corporation	White River Valley School District
North Daviess Community Schools	

Source: Indiana Department of Education

### Career and Technical Education

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Hoosier Hills Career Center	To prepare students with marketable and transferable skills, occupational knowledge, and positive work habits; provide students a foundation for post-secondary education and advanced technical training.	<a href="http://www.mccsc.edu/hoosierhills">http://www.mccsc.edu/hoosierhills</a>
Lost River Career Cooperative	Not available	<a href="http://www.lostrivercareercoop.com/">http://www.lostrivercareercoop.com/</a>
North Lawrence Career Center	Be who you want to be, go where you want to go, and do what you want to do.	<a href="http://www.nlcs.k12.in.us/nlcc/">www.nlcs.k12.in.us/nlcc/</a>

Source: Indiana Department of Education

### Job's For America's Graduates

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Bedford High School	Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people who are most at-risk. JAG helps young people stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities.	<a href="http://bnlhs.nlcs.k12.in.us/">http://bnlhs.nlcs.k12.in.us/</a>
Eastern Greene High School		<a href="http://www.egreene.k12.in.us/our_schools/high_school">http://www.egreene.k12.in.us/our_schools/high_school</a>
Owen Valley High School		<a href="http://www.socs.k12.in.us/owenvallehighschool_home.aspx">http://www.socs.k12.in.us/owenvallehighschool_home.aspx</a>

Source: Jobs for America's Graduates of Indiana

### Head Start

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Hoosier Uplands Head Start	Head Start promotes school preparation by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services.	<a href="http://www.hoosieruplands.org">http://www.hoosieruplands.org</a>
South Central Community Action Program Head Start		<a href="http://www.insccap.org">www.insccap.org</a>

Source: Indianaheadstart.org

### School Age Program

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Brown County YMCA Day Camps	The YMCA provides day camps for school-age children during fall, winter, spring, and summer breaks. Action-field days, games, outdoor adventures, arts & crafts. Field trip days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.	<a href="http://www.browncountyyymca.org">www.browncountyyymca.org</a>
Daviness County Family YMCA After School Child Care and Day Camp	The Daviness County Family YMCA After School Program provides parents with a safe environment for their kids during the after school hours. The After School Program focuses on character growth, learning activities, and fun with health and fitness. YMCA Day Camp offers a variety of fun and educational activities for kids during the summer. Weekly field trips are also a great way for kids to experience things they may not otherwise get to experience.	<a href="http://www.dcyymca.org">www.dcyymca.org</a>
WISH, a program of the United Way of Daviness County Education	The program is designed to boost literacy skills tied to core measures through use of the Kidzlit program and a strong enrichment program. Parent led family meetings will also be held once a month with a skilled observer who can offer curriculum and connect families to the greater community. The school is a pilot project with 95 % poverty rate and 50 % of students are Spanish speaking.	<a href="http://www.UnitedWayofDavinessCounty.org">www.UnitedWayofDavinessCounty.org</a>
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington	We are an organization dedicated to serving the youth in our local community. We provide camps and programs during after school hours, holiday breaks and summer time. The cost for attendance is \$20 for a year. We have 3 focus areas: Improving Character & Leadership, Increasing Healthy Lifestyles, and Increasing Academic Success. We have 3 club locations. Our main unit is located in Bloomington on Lincoln Street. We have our Crestmont Unit, where we serve those living in the Bloomington Housing Authority. We also have the Ellettsville Unit, located about 20 miles west of Bloomington, in the heart of downtown Ellettsville.	<a href="http://www.bgcbloomington.org">www.bgcbloomington.org</a>
Girls Incorporated of Monroe County	Girls Incorporated is a national youth organization dedicated to helping girls become strong, smart, and bold. We provide programs to girls after school, full day programs, when school is out and summer camps. Our center is a place where girls learn that they can be whatever they want to be, where their strengths are valued, where they are treated with respect and honesty, and where they can assume new responsibilities and take risks.	<a href="http://www.girlsinc-monroe.org">www.girlsinc-monroe.org</a>
MCCSC Afterschool EdVentures	To improve and enrich student achievement-academically, behaviorally, and socially-by providing a safe, hands-on learning environment, and build connections between school, family and community. EdVenture Camp serves children entering grades K-6 in an exciting summer camp setting in Bloomington, Indiana.	<a href="http://www.mccsc.net">www.mccsc.net</a>

Cathleen's Kid Care	Before & after school care, preschool, summer camp. We share our facility with a gymnastics studio so there are a lot of fun indoor activities. We are within walking distance to the park & library.	Not available
Kids Zone	Snacks, homework assistance, crafts, games, computer lab time, movies, outdoor play	Not available

*Source: Indiana After School Network*

# Post-Secondary Education Assets

## College Success Coalitions ▫ Post- Secondary Educational Institutions

Most jobs today require some level of post-secondary education, whether a certificate, associate’s degree, bachelor’s degree, or beyond. These resources are key to delivering important educational programs and promoting students’ success academically, all while preparing students for the workforce upon graduation.

College Success Coalitions		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Brown County College Success Coalition	The Indiana College Success Coalitions is a network of state and local organizations interested in increasing college access and success within the State of Indiana. Member organizations include local government, businesses, agencies, schools, local media, libraries, youth service organizations, service clubs, community foundations, faith-based organizations and others. Local organizations are part of county-level coalitions while statewide organizations are part of the state-level coalition. Collectively, these coalitions make up the Indiana College Success Coalition.	<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=7">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=7</a>
Daviess County College Success Coalition		<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=14">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=14</a>
Greene County College Success Coalition		<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=28">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=28</a>
Lawrence County College Success Coalition		<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=47">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=47</a>
Martin County College Success Coalition		<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=51">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=51</a>
Monroe County College Success Coalition		<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=53">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=53</a>
Orange County College Success Coalition		<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=59">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=59</a>
Owen County College Success Coalition		<a href="http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=60">http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=60</a>

Post- Secondary Institutions		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Indiana University- Bloomington	Indiana University’s mission is to provide broad access to undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education for students throughout Indiana, the United States, and the world, as well as outstanding academic and cultural	<a href="http://www.iub.edu">www.iub.edu</a>

	<p>programs and student services. Indiana University seeks to create dynamic partnerships with the state and local communities in economic, social, and cultural development and to offer leadership in creative solutions for 21st century problems. Indiana University strives to achieve full diversity, and to maintain friendly, collegial, and humane environments, with a strong commitment to academic freedom.</p>	
Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington	<p>Ivy Tech Community College prepares Indiana residents to learn, live, and work in a diverse and globally competitive environment by delivering professional, technical, transfer and lifelong education. Through its affordable, open-access education and training programs, the College enhances the development of Indiana's citizens and communities and strengthens its economy.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ivytech.edu/">http://www.ivytech.edu/</a></p>
Western Governors University Indiana	<p>The principal mission of Western Governors University is to improve quality and expand access to post-secondary educational opportunities by providing a means for individuals to learn independent of time and place and to earn competency-based degrees and other credentials that are credible to both academic institutions and employers.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.indiana.wgu.edu/">www.indiana.wgu.edu/</a></p>

# Adult & Workforce Assets

## Adult Basic Education ▫ WorkOne ▫ Vocational Rehabilitation

When students are not successful in traditional academic systems, Adult Basic Educational programs provide remediation and the fundamental skills employees must have to thrive in Indiana’s changing economy. WorkOne resources also work to bridge employment and skills gaps for those who may be un- or under-employed and help employers find properly trained employees.

Adult Basic Education		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Broadview Learning Center	Indiana Adult Education programs provide math, reading, and writing instruction free of charge to help you acquire the skills needed to earn a high school equivalency, go to college, or enter an entry-level occupational certification program.	<a href="http://www.mccsc.edu/adulted">http://www.mccsc.edu/adulted</a>
Brown County Resource Center		<a href="http://www.eagleseye.net/crc/">http://www.eagleseye.net/crc/</a>
Owen County Public Library		<a href="http://www.owenlib.org/">http://www.owenlib.org/</a>
Turning Point Education Center		<a href="http://www.openarmschristian.com/TPEC.html">http://www.openarmschristian.com/TPEC.html</a>
Vincennes University Adult Education - Loogootee WorkOne Express		<a href="http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education">http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education</a>
Vincennes University Adult Education - Paoli WorkOne Express		<a href="http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education">http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education</a>
Vincennes University Adult Education - WorkOne Bedford		<a href="http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education">http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education</a>
Vincennes University Adult Education - WorkOne Daviess County		<a href="http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education">http://www.vinu.edu/adult-basic-education</a>

Source: Indiana Adult Education

WorkOne		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
WorkOne - Bedford	The WorkOne Center is the heart of the workforce development system. It's where WorkOne staff help people find a new or better job, choose a career, access training or get the information needed to succeed in today's job market.	<a href="http://www.workonesouthcentral.com/">http://www.workonesouthcentral.com/</a>
WorkOne - Bloomington		
WorkOne - Linton		
WorkOne Express - Loogootee		
WorkOne Express - Nashville		
WorkOne Express - Paoli		
WorkOne Express - Spencer		
WorkOne Express - Washington		

Vocational Rehabilitation		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Vocational Rehabilitation Services Area 21	Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), a program of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS), provides quality individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment.	<a href="http://www.VRS.IN.gov">www.VRS.IN.gov</a>

Source: [www.vrs.in.gov](http://www.vrs.in.gov)

# Business & Industry Assets

## Economic Development Organizations

While each step in the continuum is vital, local business and industry are true drivers of change and shape workforce needs. Whether building a coalition to support local industries, attracting new businesses to the region, and any step in between, business and industry must be active participants in order for the system to be effective.

Local Economic Development Organization		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Brown County Economic Development Commission	The Brown County Economic Development focuses on attracting and retaining businesses in Nashville and Brown County Indiana. Our goals are: Site search assistance, application and permit expertise, coordinating with local agencies, economic incentive coordination, community information, coordinate with small business and economic programs, guidance on business relocation and expansion	<a href="http://www.browncountyeconomicdevelopment.com">www.browncountyeconomicdevelopment.com</a>
Daviess County Economic Development Corporation	From strategic EDIT funds to incremental financing opportunities to available bonds and loan support, Daviess County puts together strategic financing and incentive packages to make relocation or expansion plans attractive for short- and long-term growth. Economic development professionals work in partnership with CFO and relocation professionals to determine and match fiscal needs for property acquisition, leasing needs, build-to-suit, infrastructure, training funds and other critical elements for success.	<a href="http://www.dcedc.net">www.dcedc.net</a>
Greene County Economic Development Corporation	GCEDC's mission is to: "enhance the quality of life for Greene County, Indiana residents by fostering an environment that will create and retain jobs, increase the tax base and promote economic growth."	<a href="http://www.insidegreencounty.com">www.insidegreencounty.com</a>
Lawrence County Economic Growth Council	The mission of the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council is to collaboratively plan for and guide the economic development of the county; to facilitate the expansion and retention of existing business; to aggressively recruit new business; and to support the	<a href="http://www.lawrencecountygrowth.com">www.lawrencecountygrowth.com</a>

	development of a quality of life that makes Lawrence County a superior place to live, work and run a business.	
Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth	Not available	<a href="http://www.martinalliance.org">www.martinalliance.org</a>
Bloomington Economic Development Corporation	The BEDC is the catalyst for retention, development and attraction of quality jobs in Monroe County. The BEDC fulfills its mission through the following strategic initiatives: Providing leadership on issues that affect business growth, challenges to job creation and long-term competitiveness of our economy. Facilitating retention and expansion of primary employers and key industries. Driving development and attraction of targeted businesses to our greater community.	<a href="http://www.comparebloomington.us">www.comparebloomington.us</a>
Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation	Improve the quality of life of Orange County citizens through activities that simulate economic development.	<a href="http://www.ocedp.com">www.ocedp.com</a>

Source: Indiana Economic Development Corporation

Regional Economic Development Organization		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Radius Indiana	The mission of Radius Indiana is to lead regional collaboration by leveraging the diverse assets of Southern Indiana to drive attraction, retention and expansion of business, thereby increasing employment and investment opportunities and quality of life within the region. Vision: Radius Indiana is a results-driven, innovative regional leader for economic development activities, improving the economic well-being of Southern Indiana.	<a href="http://www.RadiusIndiana.com">www.RadiusIndiana.com</a>

Source: Indiana Economic Development Corporation

# Local & Regional Planning Assets

Community Foundations ▫ Regional Works Councils ▫ Local Workforce Investment Boards ▫ Regional Planning

Each regional asset above plays a key role in developing a healthy workforce. However, the overarching planning organizations and initiatives provide the direction and collaboration to keep Indiana competitive on a national and global level. These institutions have the ability to align resources, and promote efficiency to achieve the most important regional objectives.

Community Foundation		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Brown County Community Foundation	Be a collaborative leader for positive impact in the Brown County community by building on the spirit of philanthropy	<a href="http://browncountygives.org/bcgives/">http://browncountygives.org/bcgives/</a>
Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County	The Community Foundation fuels innovative ideas and lasting impact in Monroe County. We make grants, offer expertise and lead in collaboration with others to meet our community's most pressing needs and seize its most important opportunities. Our impact extends from early childhood development to aging, from basic needs to economic development, from the arts to the environment, and more.	<a href="http://www.cfbmc.org/">http://www.cfbmc.org/</a>
Daviess County Community Foundation	The Community Foundation is a charitable resource devoted to our local community. We help people make meaningful gifts that improve life in Daviess County today and for generations to come.	<a href="http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/daviess">www.communityfoundationalliance.org/daviess</a>
The Greene County Community Foundation	Working through local nonprofit organizations, the Greene County Community Foundation has been making our region a better place to live as a result of Greene Giving.	<a href="http://www.greene giving.org/">http://www.greene giving.org/</a>
Lawrence County Community Foundation	The Lawrence County Community Foundation's mission is to be proactive in creating and growing an enduring source of charitable assets that will enable us to identify and respond to the emerging and changing needs of our community. We accomplish this through our leadership and grantmaking in areas such as: education; economic development; health and human services; civic and historical affairs; arts and culture; and recreational activities.	<a href="http://www.cfpartner.org/lccf.htm">http://www.cfpartner.org/lccf.htm</a>

Martin County Community Foundation	The core mission of the Martin County Community Foundation is to build permanent funds and to distribute income from those funds to projects, organizations, charitable needs and civic endeavors that will enhance the quality of life for the people of Martin County, Indiana.	<a href="http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm">http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm</a>
Orange County Community Foundation	Not available	<a href="http://occf-in.org/">http://occf-in.org/</a>
Owen County Community Foundation	OCCF is committed to helping make our communities become better places to grow, work, and live. It is our goal to provide donors with an opportunity to give back into the Owen County community in a meaningful way.	<a href="http://www.owencountycf.org">www.owencountycf.org</a>

Regional Works Council		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Region 8 Works Council	The Works Councils are charged with facilitating sector partnerships within their region and enhancing the career readiness of Hoosier adults and high school students through the development and support of innovative career and technical education (CTE) curricula.	<a href="http://in.gov/irwc/region8/index.htm">http://in.gov/irwc/region8/index.htm</a>

Workforce Investment Board		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board	South Central Region 8 Workforce Board will serve as a catalyst to promote collaborative relationships between business, education, labor, and service providers to support workforce development efforts and regional economic growth.	<a href="http://www.southcentral8.org/">http://www.southcentral8.org/</a>

Regional Planning		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website

Bloomington Afterschool Network	The mission of the Bloomington Afterschool Network is to increase access, quality and attendance for all youth and families in out of school time programming through community collaboration in Bloomington, Indiana and surrounding areas.	<a href="http://www.bloomingtonafterschoolnetwork.org/">http://www.bloomingtonafterschoolnetwork.org/</a>
South Central Indiana Area Health Education Center	The mission of the Indiana AHEC Network is to improve health by recruiting, educating and retaining healthcare professionals for underserved communities in Indiana.	<a href="http://www.hoosieruplands.org/DepartmentMain.aspx?DID=12">http://www.hoosieruplands.org/DepartmentMain.aspx?DID=12</a>